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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

**Marriage License.**—The county clerk yesterday issued a marriage license to Mayme E. Donahue and Roy E. Gidney.

**Born Yesterday.**—Mr. and Mrs. Hanala, of Uniontown, yesterday morning a son. Mother and child doing finely.

**For New Astoria.**—C. A. Hendrickson, city auditor of the thriving town of New Astoria, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

**"Hotel Irving"** is the only steam-heated hotel in the city.

**In the City.**—Miss Leta Drain is in the city this week visiting Mrs. A. M. Smith. Miss Drain is attending school in Portland.

**Meet This Evening.**—The Dorcas Society of the First Lutheran Church, will be entertained by Miss Milna Petersen at her home. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present.

**Returns from Nehalem.**—Lester Lounsberry returned yesterday from Nehalem where he has been looking after the cattle and stock of the late Thomas Eccles. He says that Andrew Nelson has filed his application and will doubtless be appointed administrator of the estate of the deceased.

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

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If the scope and variety of the news is somewhat restricted this morning

**Roads Bad.**—It is reported by those coming to this city from Nehalem, that the roads between here and the valley are in fearful condition, so that it is totally impossible for teams to get through, though horsemen are able to do so with difficulty.

You will find a **WORLD** of information in the 1906 **WORLD ALMANAC**. 25 cents—Svenson's Book Store.

**Receives Promotion.**—Lieutenant Colonel H. A. Reed, who was a short time ago assigned by the department to the command of the troops at Fort Stevens, has been retired with the rank of Brigadier General. Mr. Reed will in the future make his home at San Juan, Porto Rico. At present the Fort Stevens station is commanded by Captain Rogers F. Gardner.

**"Hotel Irving"** gives special rates for rooms and board to permanent guests.

**Birthday Party.**—A pleasant little party was given yesterday by Mrs. George Pain, in honor of her daughter, Miss Isabel's 8th birthday, assisted by her daughter, Miss Helen Pain, and the Misses Alice Fox, Lita Minkler, Leola Ball, and Mary Ward. They entertained a large number of little friends. The parlors and dining room were elaborately decorated with ivy, daffodils, and the "stars and stripes." At 4 o'clock the party sat down to refreshments, the table being very beautifully decorated, the birthday cake forming the centerpiece. Many games and appropriate music, entertained the little ones during the afternoon.

**Probably a Fake.**—A bottle containing a piece of paper with a short message purporting to have been written by one of the ill-fated passengers on the Valencia, was picked up yesterday on the beach at Youngs Bay by a ten-year-old lad, who was playing along the shore. The bottle which was tightly corked was seen by the lad floating a short way from shore, and out of curiosity, he waded out and seized it. Seeing a piece of paper inside, the boy broke the bottle, and secured the paper. It proved to be a leaf torn from a memorandum book, dated 1904, on one side of which was written with a lead pencil the words, "Str. Valencia wrecked. Write to my son, 315 Market St., Duluth, Minn. Frank Thompson. Tell him I was wrecked on Vancouver Island." On the reverse side of the leaf was written: "Good bye to the world, she is sinking now. C. R. Thompson." In the list of the persons aboard the Valencia there is no one by this name, except a Miss J. C. Thompson en route to Bellingham. Several marks and inaccuracies on the note, point strongly to the fact that the message was written by some would be joker. Ole Hansen has possession of the message and will write to Duluth to ascertain whether or not the message is authentic.

### AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

**"Under Two Flags"** at the Star This Evening.

From present indications Astorians will be tendered a rare treat this evening when a company composed entirely of local talent will present the stirring drama, "Under Two Flags." The play is under the direction of Mr. Fred Purinton, the Star vocalist, who is by the way, an old stockman of pronounced ability, and the local cast chosen for this play is a close second to the best professional companies that have played in the city.

The proceeds are to be used for charity by the ladies of the G. A. R. and as Astorians always respond nobly a crowded house is predicted.

### The Cast.

Bertie Cecil.....T. Duncan Ferguson  
Berkley Cecil.....Turie Nordstrom  
Lord Rockingham.....Emil Nyman  
Rake.....Fred Johnson  
Col. Chauteroy (known as Black Hawk).....Leo Wise  
Ben Davis.....George McBride  
Baroni (the money lender).....A. S. Tee  
Capt. Leroux.....C. W. Spriggs  
Pierre Mateou.....Astor M. Salvon  
Petet Picopon.....Robert Wallace  
Piepon.....Turie Nordstrom  
Corporal.....Shelby Hamilton  
Nora McShane.....Miss Athole Devenaux  
Lady Guinevere.....Miss Emma Shedd  
Djelma.....Miss Emma Shedd  
Lady Venetia Corona.....  
.....Miss Adeline A. Miller  
Cigarette.....Mrs. T. Duncan Ferguson

### LEST YOU FORGET.

Is it not about time you were getting that buggy fixed up? It may need new rubber tires or perhaps some other repairs. If so, take it to Andrew Asp & Company. They also do all kinds of blacksmithing and repair work.

## GAS IS DISCOVERED

Natural and Forceful Flood Tapped on the Nehalem.

FIFTEEN MILES FROM MOUTH

Heavy Explosion Accompanies Its Release—Opening Up About Eight Days Ago—Is On Tillamook Shore of River—Means Much for this Section.

A splendid, and apparently inexhaustible, supply of natural gas has been developed on the south bank of the Nehalem river and fifteen miles from its mouth.

The discovery was made about eight days ago, and it is evident the fortunate parties responsible for the uncovering of the element are desirous of keeping the matter quiet for a while, until certain advantages of land, rights and other accessories could be secured, a perfectly natural wish for those who were lucky enough to make the find, and ambitious enough to equip an outfit for the investigation.

The development was made in a bore and was accompanied by an explosion on the Tillamook shore of the Nehalem, of immense force that scattered the tools and paraphernalia of the prospectors, and the prospectors themselves for a few moments, but it quickly subsided to the normal strength of the flow-pressure, and it is flowing yet, unless the people in charge have found a way to check and regulate it.

This is news of importance to Astoria, and to all the coast country, and means much for the future of the whole section between Tillamook and the mouth of the Columbia, since it may be the forerunner of other enterprises in the utilization of the gas in a hundred lines of application. It has a germinating power in the unfolding of sequent and analogous operations that is incalculable, and carries the promise of collateral advantages hard to measure from a primary base such as this, but inherent to the discovery all the same.

The Astorian is under obligations to Mr. Samuel Adair for the information, and his authority is unequivocal. There has been a concern operating through that country for some time past, in search of oil signs, and a number of bores have been made in this behalf, the last eventuating in discovery here reported.

The Astorian will do all it may, in the near future, to confirm this matter further, and to get details that will be very definite and grateful to this whole section upon a subject of such unqualified virtue and value.

**Gail Laughlin.**—When Miss Gail Laughlin entered Wellesley College she gathered around her a class of girls who were interested in deeper problems than those discussed by the other college societies, and they organized the "Agrona," a society for the discussion of social and economic questions. It soon became a power under Miss Laughlin's leadership, and is now one of the strongest organizations of the college. Miss Laughlin has given deep study to these questions, and presents them in a most eloquent manner. Be sure to hear her at the Methodist church tomorrow evening.

### HAS NO JURISDICTION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—On a decision by Judge Somerville, the board of United States General Appraisers sustained a claim filed by the George Hall Coal Company of Rochester, N. Y., regarding the action of the collector of customs in assessing duty at 50 per cent ad valorem on certain docking charges undertaken at a Canadian port. The Treasury Department contended that the charges were correctly assessed and that the board has no jurisdiction. Judge Somerville however, contradicts both of the government's contentions and reverses the action of the custom house authorities.

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